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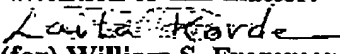
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Re: U.S. Patent Appln. Serial No. 09/627,725
Our Ref.: 450100-02622

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Dear Examiner Huynh: Per our telephone conversation, enclosed is a duplicate copy of the Request For Continued Examination that was filed on December 24, 2004 (more than a year ago) following receipt of the Advisory issued 11/16/04. Also enclosed is a copy of the postcard return receipt. Please ensure that the PTO records show that the RCE was originally filed on 12/24/04. Notice of Appeal was filed earlier on 10/25/04 simply to keep the application alive and prior to the issuance of the advisory. Please consider the RCE and allow this application on the merit, without further delay. Thank you for your attention to this matter.


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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/627,725
Filing Date	July 28, 2000
First Named Inventor	Tomoko OYABU
Group Art Unit	2611
Examiner Name	Son P. Huynh
Attorney Docket Number	450100-02622

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under CFR 1.114.

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously mailed on May 26, 2004.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
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2. Miscellaneous


- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103© for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.


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